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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SHERYL SCHMIDT, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR WOMEN VETERANS AFFAIRS PRESENTED WITH BURT HERMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sheryl Schmidt, CDVA Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs was presented with the Burt Herman Citizen of the Year Award by the Jewish War Veterans, Department of California during their 69th Annual State Convention in Palm Springs, CA, June 16-18, 2006.

Department of California, JWV
2005-2006
Burt Herman
Citizen of the Year Award

To
Sheryl Schmidt
Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs

"For her accomplishments in recognizing the importance of Women's service to our country in War and in Peacetime. For helping the Department of California, Jewish War Veterans with the Congressional Medal of Honor exhibit at the Military Museum in Sacramento, California. For assisting with the re-establishment of a JWV Post in the Sacramento Area."

The Burt Herman Citizen of the Year Award was established in 2000 in honor of the memory of Burt Herman, long-time advocate for veterans. Mr. Herman demonstrated his commitment and leadership to veterans by serving as Jewish War Veterans Department Commander and in other leadership positions. The Burt Herman Citizen of the Year Award is presented to individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to veterans and citizen awareness.

NEWS FROM THE EAST BAY STAND DOWN EXECUTIVE BOARD

SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS COMING TO ALAMEDA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS AUGUST 10-13

Veterans and Community groups unite for East Bay Stand Down

Final planning public meeting scheduled for July 19th.

A "tent city" is coming to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA on August 10–13, providing food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and many other services for up to five hundred homeless veterans in the East Bay for four days. This event, called "East Bay Stand Down" is part of a major community effort to help area veterans, supported by the California and US Departments of Veterans Affairs and including many other government and community agencies and volunteers who aid the homeless.

The East Bay Stand Down is expected to provide needy and homeless veterans (including men and women, and families) a safe encampment, food and medical evaluations on a temporary basis. The objectives of the East Bay Stand Down are to place up to 20% of the participants into residential programs, offer employment opportunities, and to provide follow-up programs to each veteran as needed.

There are still opportunities for individuals and organizations to help support the East Bay Stand Down through volunteering and contributions. **There will be a final public meeting at the event site at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 19th, at which final details will be announced.** For more information contact Jerry Yahiro at (925) 683-2541, Denver Mills at (925) 680-4526, or Barton Buechner at (707) 812-0204. Additional information regarding the East Bay Stand Down can be found on their website at <http://www.eastbaystanddown.org>.

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